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PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 1771**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Toru ITOH et al.

Group Art Unit: 1771

Application No.: 09/628,726

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For: SANDWICH STRUCTURE AND METHOD OF REPAIRING THE SAME

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the January 17, 2003 Final Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A sandwich structure comprising:
a core having foam plastic core members formed of a closed-cell foam plastic material;
surface plates formed of a fiber-reinforced composite material covering the opposite surfaces of the core, said fiber-reinforcing composite material having a component resin and hydrophobic inorganic fibers as reinforcing fibers contained within the component resin;

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